





THIS IS  
BAD...

HOW DOES  
HE KNOW  
REN-SAN AND I  
WENT TO VISIT  
THE PRESIDENT  
OF EUGLENA  
ON THE DAY OF  
THE SCHOOL'S  
ANNIVERSARY?



Y-YEAH.

TAKASHI,  
WE KNOW  
EVERYTHING.  
BE HONEST  
AND TELL  
US WHAT  
HAPPENED.



I'M JUST  
GOING TO BE  
FRANK AND  
BOLDLY TELL  
THEM THE  
TRUTH

I CAN'T MAKE  
SOMETHING UP  
WILLY-NILLY  
ON THE SPOT,  
BECAUSE IT'LL  
GET ME IN  
WORSE HOT  
WATER.



EUGLENA?



WE  
WENT  
TO  
SEE...

...THE  
PRESIDENT  
OF EUGLENA  
AND HAVE A  
TALK WITH  
HIM.



IT'S  
BECOMING  
QUITE  
FAMOUS.  
I'M SURE  
YOU'VE  
HEARD  
OF IT.

IT'S A  
FAMOUS  
COMPANY  
THAT MAKES  
HEALTH  
FOOD FROM  
EUGLENA  
ALGAE.



I'M NOT  
LYING. I  
CAN SHOW  
YOU HIS  
BUSINESS  
CARD TO  
PROVE IT.

BUT WHY  
DID YOU  
GO THERE?  
YOU  
REALLY  
MET THE  
COMPANY  
PRESIDENT?

SOME-  
WHAT.



HE HAS  
ABUNDANT  
KNOWLEDGE  
OF THE  
NATURAL  
SCIENCES.

I MET  
REN-SAN  
SOON AFTER  
I STARTED  
SCHOOL.



WE WERE  
TALKING  
ABOUT  
WHAT AN  
AMAZING  
COMPANY  
EUGLENA  
IS, AND...

HE WANTS  
TO BECOME A  
RESEARCHER IN  
REGENERATIVE  
MEDICINE IN THE  
FUTURE; HE HAS AN  
INTEREST IN IPS  
STEM CELLS AND  
THE CULTIVATION  
OF MICRO-  
ORGANISMS.



SO  
REN-SAN  
INVITED  
ME TO GO  
WITH HIM.

REN-SAN SENT  
THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE COMPANY  
AN E-MAIL  
REQUESTING TO  
MEET HIM IN  
PERSON. THE  
PRESIDENT SAID  
HE'D BE WELCOME  
TO DROP IN.



WE  
DIDN'T DO  
ANYTHING  
SHADY.

WE HAD A  
MEETING  
WITH THE  
PRESIDENT  
AND CAME  
HOME...  
THAT'S ALL  
THERE WAS  
TO IT.



THE  
PRESIDENT'S  
SCHEDULE  
WAS FULL.  
I DIDN'T  
KNOW HOW  
TO EXPLAIN  
IT TO YOU.

IT WAS  
A LAST-  
MINUTE  
THING.



IF YOU'D  
TOLD US  
ABOUT IT,  
WE  
WOULD'VE  
APPROVED.

THEN WHY  
DIDN'T  
YOU TELL  
US?



THAT  
WOULD MEAN  
TSUKIHAMA-  
KUN LIED  
TO HIS  
MOTHER.



...THAT HE'D  
GONE TO  
TOKYO ON  
SCHOOL  
BUSINESS.

TSUKI-  
HIMA-KUN  
TOLD HIS  
MOTHER...



HUH?



I WAS  
STANDING AWAY  
FROM THE TWO  
OF THEM AT THE  
STATION. I  
DON'T KNOW  
THE NATURE  
OF THEIR  
CONVERSATION.

I DON'T  
KNOW  
WHAT  
HE TOLD  
HER.





OKAY.



ALSO...

...YOU MUST  
GIVE US A  
REPORT  
OF YOUR  
ACTIVITIES  
AT SCHOOL.



AND WHEN  
YOU'RE NOT  
AT HOME FOR  
MANY HOURS,  
YOU MUST  
CONSTANTLY  
REPORT YOUR  
WHEREABOUTS.

PROMISE  
US  
YOU'LL  
DO THAT.



YOU MUST  
TELL US  
ABOUT  
YOUR  
AFTER-  
SCHOOL  
ACTIVITIES...

...AND  
ABOUT  
YOUR  
FRIENDS  
AND  
SENPAIS.



THINGS ARE  
SURE GETTING  
COMPLICATED...

I PROMISE.



DID YOUR  
MOTHER  
TELL YOU  
ANYTHING?



YOUR  
PARENTS  
FOUND OUT?



I BET MY  
PARENTS ARE  
EXPLAINING  
THE  
SITUATION TO  
HER RIGHT  
NOW, AS WE  
SPEAK.

NOTHING IN  
PARTICULAR...  
WE HAD DINNER  
TOGETHER LAST  
NIGHT, BUT SHE  
DIDN'T SAY  
ANYTHING.





THEY  
EVEN  
KNOW  
ABOUT  
THAT?

REN-SAN,  
YOU TOLD  
YOUR MOM  
YOU WENT TO  
TOKYO ON  
SCHOOL  
BUSINESS,  
RIGHT?



SORRY  
ABOUT  
THAT.

MY DAD  
GRILLED  
ME. I WAS  
PANICKING.



OF  
COURSE...  
WHAT A  
HASSLE.

IT'S  
GOING  
TO GET  
AWKWARD  
IF OUR  
PARENTS  
BECOME  
FRIENDS.

I TOLD  
THEM I  
DIDN'T  
KNOW  
WHAT YOU  
HAD TOLD  
YOUR MOM  
AND LEFT IT  
AT THAT.

IT'S  
FINE.

NOW I'M  
CONCERNED  
MY MOTHER  
WILL START  
CALLING  
YOUR FOLKS  
FROM TIME  
TO TIME.







IF OUR  
PREDECESSORS  
DID IT, THERE'S  
NO REASON  
WE CAN'T.

SO WE,  
TOO, CAN  
MANAGE TO  
DO THE  
SAME.



EVERYTHING  
WILL WORK  
OUT IF YOU  
PUT YOUR  
MIND TO IT.

ESSENTIALLY,  
SITUATIONS ARE  
NEVER CRITICAL  
UNLESS OUR  
LIVES ARE IN  
DANGER.



MY PARENTS  
FOUND AN  
INVESTMENT  
MAGAZINE IN  
MY SCHOOL  
BAG ONCE.  
I PANICKED.



I SEE...



THEN I  
STUCK  
TO MY  
GUNS.

"I  
HAVE  
NO  
IDEA  
WHAT  
THAT  
IS."



WERE  
YOUR  
FOLKS  
SATISFIED  
WITH  
YOUR  
ANSWER?



WHAT DID  
YOU TELL  
THEM?



THAT'S  
TRUE.  
RANDOM  
THINGS  
DO  
HAPPEN.

OF COURSE...  
THINGS HAPPEN  
FROM TIME TO  
TIME. YOU KNOW,  
SOMEBODY  
ELSE'S STUFF  
WINDS UP IN  
YOUR SCHOOL  
BAG BY MISTAKE.



THAT'S  
GOOD TO  
KNOW.



THE  
TRICK  
IS TO  
DISMISS  
THE  
MATTER  
IN A FEW  
WORDS.

I SPEAK  
FROM  
EXPERIENCE.  
JUST DON'T  
CONCOCT  
DETAILED  
EXPLANA-  
TIONS.



Monday,  
the  
following  
week



AT 9:00  
A.M., THE  
TOKYO  
STOCK  
EXCHANGE  
OPENS.



WE SOLD ALL  
OUR HOLDINGS  
LEFT AND RIGHT  
LAST FRIDAY, BASED  
ON KAMISHIRO-  
SAN'S PREDICTION.



LET'S  
SEE WHAT  
HAPPENED...



THE NEW  
YORK STOCK  
EXCHANGE  
CLOSED  
FRIDAY ON  
THE HIGH  
SIDE.



THE  
MARKET  
OPENED  
IS YEN  
HIGH!



I  
KNEW  
IT...



THERE'S NO  
REASON WHY  
THE TOKYO  
MARKET  
WOULD HAVE  
PLUMMETED.



KAMISHIRO-SAN'S  
PREDICTION NEVER  
CAME TO PASS!

THE KABOOM  
NEVER  
HAPPENED!



Noon



THE  
MARKET  
CLOSED  
18 YEN  
HIGH.

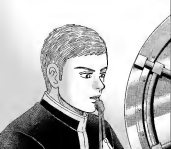


IT WAS  
UP TO  
120 YEN  
AT 10:00  
A.M.



AFTER BUYING  
AND SELLING,  
THE MARKET  
REACHED  
HOMEOSTASIS;  
THERE'S NO  
INDICATION OF  
DECLINE.







IS HE  
IN A  
SOUR  
MOOD?

OKAY,  
THEN.



SHOULD I  
BUY BACK  
THE  
SHARES I  
SOLD ON  
FRIDAY?

UM...



DO  
WHATEVER  
YOU WANT.



WHAT ARE  
YOU GOING  
TO DO,  
REN-SAN?



I'M GOING  
TO CLAIM  
THE CASH.

I NEVER  
GO BACK  
TO STOCKS  
I'VE SOLD.



NONE OF  
US ARE  
BUYING  
BACK  
SHARES.



BUT  
WHY?

I SEE...



NOBODY  
THINKS  
ANYTHING  
OF THIS  
SITUATION?

HUH?



WE WENT  
FULL  
BORE TO  
SELL  
EVERY-  
THING.

WHAT WAS  
ALL THAT  
PANIC  
OVER THE  
COMING  
KABOOM?



WE LIQUIDATED  
MOST OF OUR  
HOLDINGS, SO  
HOW COME  
NOBODY IS  
CONCERNED?

BUT WE DID  
IT FOR  
NOTHING.  
HOW CAN  
THEY EAT  
LUNCH SO  
CALMLY?

I DON'T  
CARE  
WHAT  
HE  
THINKS.

NOBODY  
HERE HAS  
ANY  
GUTS.



I KNOW WHY...  
THEY DON'T WANT  
TO EMBARRASS  
KAMISHIRO-SAN.



EVERYONE'S  
TRYING TO  
SAVE THEIR  
CAPTAIN'S FACE,  
SINCE HE GAVE  
A FALSE  
PROGNOSIS.

I'M  
GOING  
TO BUY  
UP A  
STORM!



ALL RIGHT,  
I'M BUYING  
THEM ALL  
BACK.